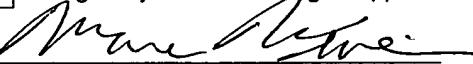




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Application No. 10/501,503-Conf. #8273	Filing Date September 3, 2004	Examiner J. L. Savage	Art Unit 1775	
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Invention: THERMAL SPRAY COATED PISTON RING				
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.				
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